

**PARK BOARD MEETING
Foster Community Center
January 14, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Kibbey, Gib King

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Holland, Adam Hussain, Rita O'Brien, Veronica Gracia-Wing,

OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Kellie Brown, Board Secretary; Joe Wright, Public Service; Joe Stacks, MSU Student

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:10 p.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Kaschinske added Park Board Rule changes to New Business, Parks Millage Fact Sheet to Old Business, Grand Woods and Forestry/Grounds annual report to updates.

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

None

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tabled until February meeting due to lack of quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

Willard Walker Memorial

Brett Kaschinske stated at the December meeting the Park Board requested this request be taken to the West Side Neighborhood Association to receive their input on the name change of St. Joe Park. Veronica Gracia-Wing, Park Board Member and Westside Neighborhood Association member, reported by e-mail the following: "After reviewing the proposed name change and a majority vote, the WNA board offers feedback to the Parks board to the extent that it defers to the discretion and opinion of the Parks board on the renaming of St. Joseph Park to Willard Walker Park. The board also wishes to express its appreciation to the Parks board for including the neighborhood in the renaming conversation."

Action on this agenda item will be tabled until February meeting due to lack of quorum.

Trails Stakeholders Meeting

Brett Kaschinske stated Ingham County has called this meeting due to the county wide millage passing for the River Trail. Kaschinske would like to see Park Board members at the meeting on Monday, January 26 at 6 p.m. at Human Services Building #3, 5303 S. Cedar Street. Meridian Township, East Lansing, Lansing Township and Lansing were the majority of passing votes.

Kaschinske stated Lansing has submitted \$1.2 million dollars' worth of needs to the County Commissioners for the River Trail.

Rick Kibbey confirmed it is important for Park Board members to attend this first meeting.

Brett Kaschinske stated there is a master plan in place for Ingham County trails.

Park Board Rules

Brett Kaschinske reviewed the rule changes which pertain to the number of board members and what constitutes a quorum.

Rick Kibbey stated he has concerns about the wording “no less than five members” and “One (1) member more than one-half of the current appointed Board Members shall constitute a quorum”. He would like to see wording about majority of attendance.

5-Year Master Plan

Brett Kaschinske introduced Joe Wright who provided a draft copy of the 2015-2020 Master Plan. Wright stated he and Kaschinske will be meeting with the Mayor tomorrow to discuss the plan. Kaschinske stated there is currently a survey on the Parks web site; which has also been posted to Facebook, sent to neighborhood organizations and distributed through the department’s e-newsletter.

Joe Wright stated planning for the plan in April by meeting with the Park Board and staff. Throughout the summer, public meetings were held to receive input, as well as an on-line survey which is posted until February 2, 2015; in addition follow-up surveys are done after major events and classes which will also be included.

The goals were set by the Park Board and modified by data received from the surveys. Major changes should not need to be made at this time to the plan.

Brett Kaschinske stated we originally had five (5) goals and made one addition and objectives were updated from the various meetings.

Joe Wright reviewed the time line of the plan. January 15 he and Brett will be meeting with the Mayor; survey deadline is February 2; public comments on the draft plan will be taken through February 16. Wright stated he would like to focus on the capital improvement project (CIP) list to accomplish more than the last plan.

Brett Kaschinske spoke with the City Clerk and they have several plans on their website for review and we will also be placing the master plan draft on the website directing individuals to Council meetings to make comments.

Joe Wright stated he needs Park Board approval and Council resolution before the end of February. The plan has to be into the DNR by March 1, 2015 if the City wants to apply for grant money by April 1, 2015. If the City does not want to apply for grant money this year, the plan has to be to the DNR by April 1, 2015.

Rick Kibbey discussed the CIP list and he does not believe the basketball complex has a developed consensus on the project. It is a controversial project and there would be opposition from the Board.

Brett Kaschinske stated it is better to put it in the plan and maybe not get votes than to not put it in the plan and not have it listed out for the DNR.

The February meeting will be used to discuss and approve the plan. February agenda items were discussed and what will need to be moved to March to accommodate discussion on the master plan.

Park Millage Fact Sheet

Kaschinske provided a fact sheet on the 2015 Park Millage.

UPDATES**Murdock Jemerson – MRPA Fellowship Award**

Murdock is the former Director and this is the highest award presented by the MRPA. He will be presented with the award at the annual conference in Lansing on February 12.

MRPA Conference

Kaschinske stated the annual conference will be held in Lansing, February 10 through February 13.

Floor Hockey

Kaschinske stated the league is going well. Rick Kibbey inquired about the changes and what has been done. Kaschinske stated after the last Park Board meeting a special meeting was held with floor hockey coaches. Kaschinske asked Board members for comments and opinions and did not receive any feedback. Gib King stated he thought there was going to be a proposal brought back to the Board to vote on. Kaschinske stated the floor hockey coaches understand the changes with the age divisions, coaches have worked together to move kids to other teams to play in appropriate age divisions and nothing further will be done at this time.

Rotary Grant

Friends of Lansing River Trail applied for the 100th anniversary grant from the Rotary Club to replicate the Maguire Park arch throughout the River Trail with 16 similar arches. They made it to the final eight (8), but not to the final two (2). They may approach the Granger Company regarding this project.

Grand Woods

Kaschinske stated the appraisal has been done and came back at \$765,000. The contract with Delta Township was extended from 2014 to 2016 with the current terms. The property is for sale and the City is in negotiations with Delta Township.

Forestry/Grounds Annual Report

Kaschinske provide a copy of the Forestry/Grounds annual report to Rick Kibbey for review.

INFORMATION

The 2015 meeting schedule was provided to Board members.

Respectfully Submitted: Kellie Brown, Park Board Secretary

Approved February 11, 2015